

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
February 1, 2016

Members present: Michelle Vargo, Tiffany Daly, Mike Gruber, Lois Lindell, Andy Phillips, Sharon Renzoni, Bob Socha, Shirley Warner

Absent: Mike Gotta

Also present: Francine Aloisa

Chairperson M. Vargo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes from the January 4, 2016 meeting were accepted. Motion made: B. Socha, seconded: S. Renzoni.

Minutes from the January 19th meeting of the Budget Subcommittee were distributed and will be filed.

First Audience of Citizens: None

Treasurer's Report was distributed by Tiffany. It will be filed for audit. Tiffany also has monthly and quarterly reports from John Ruocco for the Board to view.

Correspondence:

A report from the State Library Board has been received. The impact on the state libraries from State of CT budget deficient was explained. Each library will receive less reimbursement from the state library for the use of CCards.

Financial Business.

Invoices were presented for authorization. Motion made to approve: S. Warner, seconded: L. Lindell. Approved.

Year-to-date Budget was presented and will be filed. The report shows that we have 46.02% left for expenditures for this fiscal year.

Budget Committee: The Budget met on January to prepare the budget for the fiscal Year 2016-2017. The budget was presented to the Board. Explanations and discussion were held. Motion made: S. Warner, seconded: T. Daly to accept the budget for 2016-2017, showing a 0% increase from 2015-2016. Because we showed great effort in presenting a 0% budget, the Board has directed the Budget Committee to discuss with Town Hall that more money is allotted for part-time librarians' salaries. Because of their job responsibilities, they deserve more. The completed budget will be presented to Town Hall on February 9.

Building concerns:

Francine had been called out twice by the Tolland Fire Dispatcher because of the fire alarm ringing. The fire department had also been through the building and found nothing. Total Protection Co. replaced the batteries in the alarm dialer. The original installer has reprogrammed the fire alarm panel. No other problem has occurred since. One of the circulating pumps leaked very badly and will need to be replaced. The new pump is on order.

All ceiling tiles that needed replacing have been done.

Repair of kickstep stool and chairs have been completed.

Bob installed a "Frog Pond" interactive panel in the children's room. Friends of the Library purchased this.

Old Business:

The Board was shown the letter that Michele wrote to Andy Rockett regarding the John Rockett Fund. As of this date, we have not received an answer.

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New Business:

Mike Gruber stated that another number of the date on the outside plaque has become loose. It can be repaired in the spring.

Director's Report:

The Friends of the Library met on January 11. They are planning for the Spring Book Sale. They voted to make purchases of an adult program in March, a children's program during Spring Vacation and Adult Books-on-CD. Their next meeting is March 14.

Cecelia Becker attended workshops on grant writing.

Storytime sessions have resumed for a seven week period.

Second Audience of Citizens: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Next meeting will be March 7.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lindell

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